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**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
116 ASPEN LANE
HILL COUNTRY VILLAGE, TEXAS 78232
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

The City Council for the City of Hill Country Village met for a City Council Meeting Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 116 Aspen Lane, Hill Country Village, Texas. This was an open meeting subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Members Present:

Mayor Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Councilman Matthew Acock
Councilman Greg Blasko
Councilwoman Allison Francis
Councilman Frank Rivas

Members Not Present:

Councilwoman Heather Chandler

City Staff Present:

City Administrator, Frank Morales
Administrative Assistant, Linda Solis
City Attorney, Marc Schnall
Finance, Alexander Baez

1. Call to order.

Mayor Durand-Hollis called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Durand-Hollis led those present in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. Discussion and possible action approving the minutes of the City Council Meeting of August 9, 2025, August 21, 2025, and September 4, 2025.

Councilman Acock objects and requested to pull item #3 for discussion.

Councilman Acock did not have concerns with Special City Council meeting on Saturday August 9, 2025; but did have concerns on August 21st and September 4th for missing procedures and rulings and requested to have revisions.

Councilman Rivas motioned to approve minutes for August 9th with the amendment of item #5 to change "next" to "it's first". Councilman Blasko seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

4. Discussion and possible action approving the October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026 City of Hill Country Village Master Calendar.

Councilwoman Francis motioned to approve the October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026 City of Hill Country Village Master Calendar. Councilman Blasko seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

5. Report by Mayor Durand-Hollis on items of community interest.

Mayor Durand-Hollis attended the Alamo Council of Government meeting on September 17th, he also attended the Joint Base Ball on Saturday, September 13th, and attended the ribbon cutting with Councilwoman Chandler on September 11th for Inspire Dental. Emergency Operation Center appointed the Mayor to the Emergency Management Advisory Committee and the next meeting is November 6th.

6. Report by City Council members on items of community interest.

Councilwoman Francis reported that she and the Mayor met with Congressman Tony Gonzales's staff of the 23rd District. The District Director Jalen Falcon and the Assistant Director Zack Bamba are planning to attend Village fest. They talked about grant funding; Department of Justice grants for policing, TXDot set aside fund that would fund police vehicles and community centers, Federal highway set aside funds for streets. The Mayor Durand-Hollis and Councilwoman Francis are going to setup a meeting with the Legislative Director Kellie Chong and her Assistant Ben Shipkey to help with the application process. Funding will start in October 2025.

Councilman Acock reported that an email did not go out to residents and the posting for the tax rate was not on the website.

Councilman Blasko reported that the road way safety committee met and sent some ideas to the City Attorney for review.

7. Report by Administrator/Chief of Police on matters of community interest.

The Lieutenant and the Sergeant are working on a presentation for the October meeting concerning the ebikes.

8. Citizens to be heard.

At this time, citizens who have filled out a registration form prior to the start of the meeting may speak on any topic they wish to bring to the attention of the governing body so long as that topic is not on the agenda for this meeting. Citizens may speak on specific agenda items when that item is called for discussion. During the Citizens to be Heard

section no council action may take place and no council discussion or response is required to the speaker. However, the Mayor or the City Administrator may make a statement of specific factual information in response to an inquiry or recite existing policy in response to an inquiry. A time limit of two minutes per speaker is permitted; the council may extend this time at their discretion.

Pat Schneider requested a copy of settle agreement for Alta Towers.

Attorney Marc Schnall indicated an open record request would be needed.

Pat Schneider gave an open record request to Chief Morales.

Deborah Morley requested microphones be used during meeting.

Nick Ozerov requested to have more participation for the budget meetings.

9. Public Hearing, Discussion and possible action by roll call vote on an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hill Country Village, Texas, adopting and levying the tax rate on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Hill Country Village, Texas for the year 2025.

Mayor Durand-Hollis opened public hearing at 5:51 p.m.

Mayor Durand-Hollis closed public hearing at 5:52 p.m.

Councilwoman Francis moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.145 which is effectively a 3.1 percent increase in the tax rate and adopt ordinance number 1319. Councilman Blasko seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Councilman Acock Nay, Councilman Rivas Aye, Councilman Blasko Aye, Councilwoman Francis Aye.

Motion passed.

10. Discussion and possible action on a resolution to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Councilman Blasko motioned to approve resolution 25-160 to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Councilman Rivas seconded motion.

Motion passed.

11. Discussion and possible action on a report from Freeland and Turk regarding Austin Bridge and Road on road maintenance. Possible Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorneys.

Mayor Durand-Hollis announced for City Council to go into Executive Session at 6:09 p.m. on September 18, 2025.

Mayor Durand-Hollis ended Executive Session 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) at 6:28 p.m.

Attorney Brett Schouest with Dykema Gossett, Law Firm has been working with Tom Turk with Freeland & Turk the City Engineer on the Austin Bridge and Road for road repairs. They submitted a list to Austin Bridge and Road with nine issues as a warranty claim in June 2025. They also submitted a claim on a performance bond. Mr. Schouest discussed the issues and what they will keep on the list to pursue with the Geotech.

Councilman Rivas motioned to accept the recommendation of the Dykema Gossett Law Firm as stated regarding what claims will remain to be pursued and which claims that are taken off the list. Councilman Blasko seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Councilman Rivas motioned to approve an expense not more than \$25,000 to conduct a Forensic Geotechnical Borings study on the areas that the City Engineer deems appropriate.

Councilman Blasko seconded.

Councilwoman Francis asked City Engineer Tom Turk if the city spends \$25,000 and the study find borings that are not consistent with what happened in the beginning of the project this study may or may not make any difference.

City Engineer Tom Turk responded that is correct.

Councilman Rivas noted that the repairs are three quarters of a million dollars so he is advocating that before walking away from a claim this large to conduct the study.

Councilman Acock stated that the city would not receive all of the \$750,000 and would spend \$400,000 to \$500,000 to get a settlement to receive \$400,000. He indicated that the city should just use the money on the road and get started.

Mayor Durand-Hollis suggested that the road was designed for residential paving and can be fixed but it was not in the plans.

Motion passed.

A question was asked about reconsideration of the motion.

Attorney Marc Schnall indicated if member of Council that voted yes wanted to reconsider the vote they may do so. Then that member could make a motion to reconsider the motion just adopted.

Councilman Acock was going to propose if the City Engineer can get a bid under \$10,000 that would be sufficient to know if it was worth pursuing.

12. Discussion and possible action on an amendment to Section 2-70 of the Code of Ordinances as to City Council involvement in certain personnel matters.

Council requested the City Attorney to explain the reason for the agenda item.

Attorney Marc Schnall read the current wording for Section 2-70 of the Code of Ordinances and suggested to have the ordinance reworded to have personnel matters handled by City

Administrator except such matters that are relating to City Administrator or Department head such as Chief of Police.

Council requested more detail and information for the ordinance and bring back to the next City Council meeting.

No action taken.

13. Deliberation on employment, discipline, or dismissal of Officer Sergio Collazo III. Possible Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters.

Chief Morales stated the Officer resigned.

No action taken.

14. Discussion and possible action on employment, discipline, or dismissal of Officer Sergio Collazo III.

Chief Morales stated the Officer resigned.

No action taken.

15. Discussion and possible action on a presentation from our audit firm Alonzo, Bacarisse, Irvine, and Palmer, P.C. on the City of Hill Country Village FY 2023-2024 annual audit.

Mike Del Toro with ABIP presented the audit for FY 2023-2024.

City Council wanted to have the audit in hand at least a week prior to the meeting.

No Action.

16. Discussion regarding the July 31, 2025 and August 31, 2025 financial statements.

City Council wanted to have the financial statements a week prior to the City Council meeting.

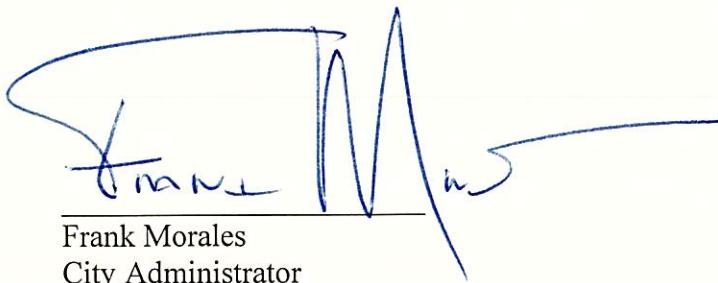
Council had questions for City finance Alexander Baez for the audit and the financial statements.

14. Adjourn.

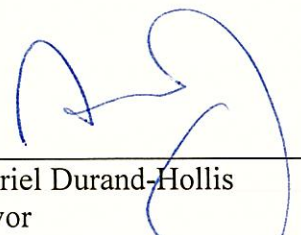
Mayor Durand-Hollis adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

The Council reserves the right to discuss and appropriately act upon any item stated on this agenda in an open session. The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about

APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025



Frank Morales
City Administrator



Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Mayor